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2. IN LATE DECEMBER 1973, [REDACTED], BEGAN ORGANIZING A COMMISSION OF JURISTS TO PREPARE A STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE JUNTA. TO INSURE THAT THE COMMISSION REPRESENTED MORE THAN JUST [REDACTED] INVITED OTHERS TO

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PARTICIPATE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ARE NOT ANXIOUS TO MAKE A BREAK WITH THE JUNTA GOVERNMENT, THEY ARE WEIGHING THE POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE VATICAN AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, IN THE HOPE THAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS WILL EXERT PRESSURE ON THE JUNTA TO HAVE GREATER RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] CLAUDIO ALMAYDA, LEADER OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) OF CHILE WHO AS TAKEN ASYLUM, ON OR ABOUT 10 JANUARY, A GROUP OF LAWYERS SENT A LETTER TO THE JUNTA

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REQUESTING THE REESTABLISHMENT OF DUE PROCESS IN CHILE,
THE LETTER WAS SIGNED AMONG OTHERS BY BULNES, EUGENIO
VELASCO OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, JAIME CASTILLO
AND MAXIMO PACHECO OF THE PDC. [REDACTED]
THE SAME DAY THE JUNTA RECEIVED THE DOCUMENT, SOME OF THE
SIGNERS WERE CALLED TO THE OFFICE OF GENERAL OSCAR BONILLA,
MINISTER OF INTERIOR, WHO REBUKED THEM FOR THEIR ACTION.

COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CONFIRMED THE RECEIPT OF THE LETTER
AND THE MEETING WITH BONILLA. [REDACTED]
ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE LETTER HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE JUNTA AND
THAT THIS WAS THE DOCUMENT PREPARED BY AYLWIN'S COMMISSION.)

5. [REDACTED]

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6. IN THE LETTER TO THE JUNTA, THE SIGNERS STATE THAT THEIR
OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST GOVERNMENT AND JUDICIAL
AUTHORITIES WITH CERTAIN FACTS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

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FOR THE CORRECT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN THE CURRENT CRISIS THE COUNTRY IS EXPERIENCING. THE LETTER CRITICIZES THE USE OF CENSORSHIP BECAUSE IT IS LIMITING THE PUBLICATION OF EVIDENCE AND JURIDICAL OPINIONS TO THAT OF THE PROSECUTION* SINCE THE DEFENSE CANNOT GET ITS ARGUMENTS PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS. IN ADDITION, IT CRITICIZES THE FAILURE TO PUBLICIZE THE CASES BEING HANDLED IN THE MILITARY COURTS; THE DOCUMENT ALSO LAMENTES THE FACT THAT CITIZENS ARRESTED ARE TAKEN TO UNKNOWN PLACES; AND THAT THEIR FAMILIES ARE UNABLE TO GAIN ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS OR STATE OF BEING.

7. IN PRESENTING THE ABOVE, THE SIGNERS REQUEST THAT THE AUTHORITIES CLEARLY ESTABLISH WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO ARREST CITIZENS; THAT THE FAMILIES AND LAWYERS OF THE DEFENDENT BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY OF HIS PLACE OF DETENTION, HIS JURIDICAL SITUATION AND THE COURT CHARGED WITH HIS CASE; AND THAT FOLLOWING A PRUDENT LAPSE OF TIME, HIS LAWYER BE INFORMED OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

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